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MEMORANDUM FOR: Intelligence Information Staff, Requirements Branch

ATTENTION: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

THROUGH: Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

FROM: Chief, Medium Machinery Branch, D/I

SUBJECT: Requirements for ORR 11993

The following requirements are submitted in answer to your request for requirements: [REDACTED]

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1. Recently the Poles have placed increased emphasis on increasing the exports of machinery and equipment. Are the machine building industries, especially the machine tool industry, meeting their export commitments under this program? Will this stepped-up program have any retarding effect on Polish domestic industrial requirements? Are the Poles able to compete with the West in the machine tool market?

2. The Six-Year Plan (1950-1955) called for the construction of 2 machine tool plants. Available sources indicate that construction to these plants was never completed. Have the plants been constructed, or have the Poles embarked on a policy of conversion and expansion of existing facilities? Can Poland achieve the 1960 production goal of 21,300 units using the existing plants?

3. Do Polish machine tools incorporate any Soviet technology? How do Polish machine tools compare with Soviet, East Germany, and Czech models?

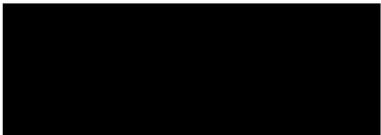
4. What in your opinion has been the problem of the Polish machine tool industry in not meeting production goals? Is it the lack of skilled labor, or shortage of raw materials and machinery? To what extent has mechanization and automation been introduced in the machine tool industry?

5. If possible, give the approximate distribution of machine tools to other branches of industry, i.e.; what percentage of the total machine tools produced went to the machine building industry, shipbuilding, etc?

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